

United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 105.0 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from the 106.8 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.3 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2011, totaled 12.5 million head, down 3 percent from the 12.9 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.26 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.34 million head on January 1, 2011, down 1 percent from the 6.43 million on January 1, 2010. Breeding sheep, at 4.74 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.61 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, 2 percent below the 5.62 million head on January 1, 2010. Breeding sheep, at 4.12 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.42 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2011, totaled 814,000 head, up 1 percent from last year's number of 806,000. Breeding sheep, at 624,000 head, were up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 190,000 head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	110,996.5	110,728.0	109,904.5	107,716.0
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	48,072.7	47,803.6	47,657.7	46,672.6
Beef Cows	37,949.7	37,664.3	37,416.4	36,361.3
Milk Cows	10,123.0	10,139.3	10,241.3	10,311.3
All Other Cattle	62,923.8	62,924.4	62,246.8	61,043.4
Calf Crop ¹	42,362.4	42,273.9	41,480.3	40,896.9

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2010-2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	106,786.2	105,042.4	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	45,828.4	45,274.2	99
Beef Cows	35,761.9	35,137.6	98
Milk Cows	10,066.5	10,136.6	101
All Other Cattle	60,957.8	59,768.2	98
Calf Crop ¹	40,570.8		

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Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	96,341.5	96,573.0	96,034.5	94,521.0
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,806.4	41,788.7	41,691.5	41,044.6
Beef Cows	32,702.5	32,644.2	32,434.5	31,711.8
Milk Cows	9,103.9	9,144.5	9,257.0	9,332.8
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,949.9	20,074.1	19,854.2	19,575.5
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,863.5	5,835.4	5,646.6	5,531.2
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,298.0	4,324.9	4,415.0	4,409.5
Other Heifers	9,788.4	9,913.8	9,792.6	9,634.8
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,988.1	17,184.5	17,163.2	16,769.1
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,257.8	2,214.4	2,207.2	2,184.1
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,339.3	15,311.3	15,118.4	14,947.7
Calf Crop ¹	37,015.7	36,758.7	36,152.5	35,939.0

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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United States, January 1, 2010-2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	93,881.2	92,582.4	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	40,456.4	40,014.2	99
Beef Cows	31,370.9	30,864.6	98
Milk Cows	9,085.5	9,149.6	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,745.8	19,532.8	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,451.0	5,157.6	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,526.2	4,557.2	101
Other Heifers	9,768.6	9,818.0	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,510.4	16,382.0	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,190.1	2,153.1	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	14,978.5	14,500.3	97
Calf Crop ¹	35,684.8		

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
Canada, January 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	14,655.0	14,155.0	13,870.0	13,195.0
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	6,266.3	6,014.9	5,966.2	5,628.0
Beef Cows	5,247.2	5,020.1	4,981.9	4,649.5
Milk Cows	1,019.1	994.8	984.3	978.5
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,110.2	2,030.7	2,049.0	1,822.1
For Beef Cow Replacement	628.3	587.1	595.0	537.0
For Milk Cow Replacement	495.1	480.1	471.1	450.6
Other Heifers	986.8	963.5	982.9	834.5
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,146.8	1,145.2	1,101.6	1,067.6
Bulls 1 Year and Over	264.0	244.6	246.8	243.9
Calves Under 1 Year	4,867.7	4,719.6	4,506.4	4,433.4
Calf Crop ¹	5,346.7	5,515.2	5,327.8	4,957.9

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
Canada, January 1, 2010-2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	12,905.0	12,460.0	97
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,372.0	5,260.0	98
Beef Cows	4,391.0	4,273.0	97
Milk Cows	981.0	987.0	101
Heifers 1 Year and Over	1,866.9	1,826.7	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	516.4	531.6	103
For Milk Cow Replacement	450.7	443.1	98
Other Heifers	899.8	852.0	95
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,141.7	1,081.7	95
Bulls 1 Year and Over	232.1	222.2	96
Calves Under 1 Year	4,292.3	4,069.4	95
Calf Crop ¹	4,886.0		

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2006-2009 ¹**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	7,094	6,999	6,775	6,555
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	5,292	5,225	5,070	4,871
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	873	823	779	725
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,193	4,178	4,072	3,927
Rams - One Year Old and Older	226	225	219	220
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,802	1,775	1,706	1,684
Market Sheep ²	81	94	83	81
Market Lambs ³	1,721	1,681	1,623	1,603
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,820	4,698	4,517	4,519

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² United States market sheep only.

³ Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

⁴ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2010-2011 ¹**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	6,426	6,344	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,798	4,739	98
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	729	750	103
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,851	3,777	98
Rams - One Year Old and Older	218	213	98
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,628	1,605	99
Market Sheep ²	80	80	100
Market Lambs ³	1,548	1,525	99
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,411		

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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States, January 1, 2006-2009 ¹**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	6,200	6,120	5,950	5,747
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,616	4,553	4,432	4,247
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	786	735	697	647
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,630	3,620	3,540	3,405
Rams - One Year Old and Older	200	199	195	196
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,584	1,567	1,519	1,500
Market Sheep	81	94	83	81
Market Lambs	1,503	1,474	1,436	1,419
Lamb Crop ²	3,950	3,895	3,710	3,690

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² January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States, January 1, 2010-2011 ¹**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	5,620	5,530	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,185	4,115	98
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	655	670	102
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,335	3,255	98
Rams - One Year Old and Older	195	190	97
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,435	1,415	99
Market Sheep	80	80	100
Market Lambs	1,355	1,335	99
Lamb Crop ²	3,600		

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² January to December lamb crop.

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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
Canada, January 1, 2006-2009 ¹**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	894	879	825	808
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	676	672	638	624
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	87	88	82	78
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	563	558	532	522
Rams - One Year Old and Older	26	26	24	24
Market Sheep and Lambs	218	207	187	184
Lamb Crop ²	870	803	807	829

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² January to December lamb crop.

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Canada, January 1, 2010-2011 ¹**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	806	814	101
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	613	624	102
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	74	80	108
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	516	522	101
Rams - One Year Old and Older	23	23	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	193	190	98
Lamb Crop ²	811		

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² January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop and the number of sheep and lambs by class and lamb crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle and sheep industries to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton and lamb supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 28, 2011.

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